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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the application of |) | |
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| DILL et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 2627 |
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| Application No. 10/798,163 |) | Examiner: KLIMOWICZ, William |
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| Filed: 03/10/2004 |) | Attorney Docket No. |
| |) | HIT1P009/SJO920020044US1 |
| For: PLANARIZED PERPENDICULAR |) | |
| POLE TIP SYSTEM AND |) | Date: August 10, 2006 |
| METHOD FOR |) | |
| MANUFACTURING THE SAME |) | |
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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner:

Prior to substantive examination of the claims, please enter the following amendments.